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## **MANGANO: LEGENDARY TRIBUTES TO BUDDY HOLLY, BIG BOPPER & RITCHIE VALENS AT EISENHOWER PARK**

Wantagh, NY – Nassau County Executive Edward P. Mangano today announced John Mueller’s Winter Dance Party - a tribute to Buddy Holly, Big Bopper, and Ritchie Valens will take place at Eisenhower Park’s Lakeside Theatre on **Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**

John Mueller’s “Winter Dance Party”® is the official live and authentic re-creation of Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper’s final tour and the only show endorsed by the Holly, Valens and Richardson estates. Each live concert performance includes over two hours of unbridled, high voltage entertainment featuring all the hit songs of the 50’s era: “That’ll Be The Day,” “Peggy Sue,” “Oh, Boy,” “Rave on,” “La Bamba,” “Chantilly Lace,” and many, many more.

John Mueller, the critically acclaimed former star of the U.S. touring version of the London/Broadway hit musical “Buddy.. The Buddy Holly Story,” performs as Buddy Holly with Linwood Sasser as the Big Bopper and Ray Anthony as Ritchie Valens. The very authentic and energetic four piece band (guitar, drums, stand-up bass and sax) includes Grammy award winning Mike Acosta on saxophone.

Much of the programming at the Lakeside Theatre is made possible through the Nassau County Hotel/Motel Proceeds Grant, which are proceeds from taxes on hotel and motel rooms in Nassau County. Since 2006, Nassau County has received more than ten million dollars from the Hotel/Motel Proceeds Grant, which also has assisted in historic building restoration and other cultural enhancements.

The Harry Chapin Lakeside Theatre is an outdoor theatre located near parking fields 6 and 6A in Eisenhower Park. Special accommodations are available for disabled patrons, including reserved parking, easily accessible restrooms, and a convenient reserved location on the hill. Assistive hearing devices are available for the hearing impaired. There is no formal seating at Lakeside Theatre, so concertgoers are urged to bring folding chairs. If weather conditions are doubtful, call (516) 572-0355 after 6:00 p.m. for updated performance information.

Eisenhower Park is centrally located in East Meadow, with entrances on Hempstead Turnpike at East Meadow Avenue and at the intersection of Stewart and Merrick Avenues. For further information, please call the Nassau

County Parks Public Information Office at: (516) 572-0200 or visit the Nassau County Parks, Recreation and Museum website at: [www.nassaucountyny.gov/parks](http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/parks).

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